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Title: Method and Apparatus for Regenerating the Performance of PEM Fuel Cell	

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

This is a Preliminary Amendment for the accompanying new reissue filing of U. S. Patent 6,399,231 that issued June 4, 2002.

**Applicants hereby offer to surrender original patent US. 6,399,231.**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Replace Claim 1 of the original patent with the following amended Claim 1:

1    1. **(Amended)** A method of operating a fuel cell having a  
 2    PEM as the electrolyte, an anode on one side of the  
 3    PEM, a cathode on the other side of the PEM, an  
 4    external electric circuit connecting the anode and